REMARKS

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the communication, Applicant elects to prosecute Group I, Claims 1-4 and 7. Note that Applicant intends to request rejoinder of the method claims of Group II, upon indication of allowable subject matter for the Group I claims.

The claims have been amended to more clearly present the claimed subject matter. As a result of this preliminary amendment, Claims 1 and 5 have been amended. Accordingly, Claims 1-4 and 7 are presented for examination. No new matter is being added herewith.

This election is made without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicant reserves the right to pursue the remaining claims in a divisional application. Accordingly, prompt examination on the merits of Claims 1-4 and 7 is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

Should there be any questions concerning this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned agent at the telephone number appearing below. Please charge any additional fees, including any fees for additional extension of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

Respectfully submitted,

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